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1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SUNDAY NEWS, REPORTING CHITEPO FUNERAL MARCH 23, NOTED THAT "IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED NDUGU CHITEPO WAS THE VICTIM OF AN INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE," AND QUOTED BISHOP MUZOREWA'S FUNERAL ORATION TO EFFECT THAT WHILE MURDER COULD HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF WHITES, "IT COULD BE BLACK ENEMY USING A BLACK AGENT WHO MAY HAVE LOST THE VISION AND PURPOSE OF THE STRUGGLE AND COULD NOW BE WORKING FOR NOTHING BUT SELF-INTEREST AND PERSONAL GAIN."

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2. SWAHILI-LANGUAGE SUNDAY MZALENDU OF SAME DATE,

HOWEVER, GAVE NO INDICATION IN ITS ACCOUNT OF THE
FUNERAL THAT SMITH'S INVOLVEMENT IN CHITEPO MURDER
NOW SEEMS VERY DOUBTFUL.

3. NEITHER ENGLISH NOR SWAHILI PAPERS ARE LIKELY
RETRACT EARLIER EDITORIALS DENOUNCING SMITH AS
BEHIND ASSASSINATION.
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